

I have been a licensed amateur radio operator since 1966. In that time I have seen many issues that have caused me concern relating to amateur radio and its use in our country. I live in a rural area of New York State where cellular telephone use is marginal to non-existent. Amateur radio has played a major role here for various emergencies situations requiring effective and non-interrupted service, most recently the blackout in the Northeast which occurred on August 15. The FCC must ponder the possible use of BPL (Broadband over Power Lines) in this country by BPL service providers. These systems generate noise levels of about 37 DB. That would mean that signals arriving at my station would have to be greater than 10 DB over S9 to be heard. This would render my station unusable in my location. I have a major power line which runs in close proximity to my home which would only compound the problem. As I indicated in the beginning of my comment, many issues have caused me concern but none so great as the threat of BPL to amateur radio and its use. It is my strongest plea that the FCC not allow the implementation and use of BPL in any degree in this country. I feel compelled to advise the FCC that this is a serious threat to amateur radio and the amateur radio fraternity will oppose this issue on every front.

Sincerely,  
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